

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended. Claims 14-15 have been cancelled. The features from claims 14 and 15 have been incorporated into claim 1. Claim 4 was amended to overcome the Examiner's objection to claims 4 and 5. No new matter has been added through these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request removal of the rejections under 35 USC §102 and §103 in light of the amendments to claim 1. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to include the features indicated as allowable by the Examiner. The features from former claim 15 and intervening claim 14 have been incorporated into claim 1. The Applicants respectfully submit that no additional search will be required due to these amendments.

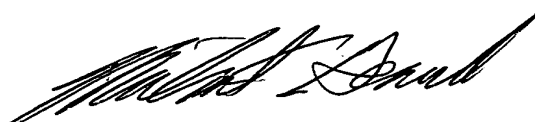
Applicants are amending the claims in order to move prosecution along and to obtain an allowance. The Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's assertion that Rathbun teaches or discloses a pointer shared by the k number of nodes and contiguously storing the data in memory. Accordingly, the Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application to pursue these claims.

Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance based on the foregoing remarks. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6921. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge

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Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ALTEP070). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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